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Secretary of War Proctor has, with the approval of the President, allotted sums of money to three or four New England States for arming and equipping the militia. The allotment is on the basis of representation in Congress and Vermont gets \$6385.

The Australian colonies have lately adopted a constitution very like that of the United States, each colony to occupy the same relative position in the "commonwealth," as the union is called, as does each of our States. The speedy separation of the commonwealth from Great Britain is predicted.

The Free Press calls the attention of the Fish and Game league to the reported destruction of fish with dynamite in the Winoski river. This is right; if the newspapers will aid the league so far as they are able the indiscriminate slaughter of fish can be stopped. We shall be pleased to assist in this business.

Ex-Judge Veazey confides the somewhat gratuitous information to an interviewer that he will not stand in the way of Secretary Proctor's aspirations to the Vermont senatorship. No one who knows the two men and the relations which have long subsisted between them ever supposed for a moment that he would.

Chicagoans are trying to buy the colosseum at Rome. They propose to remove it to the windy and malodorous city by the lake and have it as an attraction for the Columbian exposition. Just what Columbus had to do with the phase of the world's civilization which the ancient Roman structure represents is not made plain.

Hon. Hugh Henry of Chester, the president, and C. C. Kinsman of Rutland, the secretary of the board of trustees of soldiers' home at Bennington, issue an appeal to the people of the State for funds wherewith to build a chapel for the use of the inmates of the home. To that end they suggest that collections be taken up at all memorial services on Sunday next. It is to be hoped that there will be a generous response.

The steamer Itata, which ran away from a California port the other day, after having been seized by the government on the ground that she was taking arms to the Chilian insurgents, was still pursued by the cruiser Charleston at last accounts. Nothing has been heard from either vessel for three days. It is said that the United States will recapture the vessel, even if it has to take her out of one of the Chilian ports held by the insurgents.

Persons and newspapers opposed to the administration are rejoicing over the case of Green B. Raum, Jr., son of the pension commissioner. He held a minor place in the pension office and is accused of having sold appointments to positions in the bureau and of having taken a small sum of money. The promptitude with which he was fired when his shortcomings were brought to light is not indicative of approval by the administration of such doings, but rather of hearty disapproval.

Hon. V. I. Spear of Braintree, the member of the State board of agriculture in charge of the proposed publication to advertise the resources of the State, finds only about 250 farms that can be classed as abandoned, and many of these are not now and never can be made of very much value. This is only a little more than a farm to a town, and considering the character of the State's surface and the unwisdom with which the cultivation of some of it must necessarily have been entered upon, it is a wonder that the number is so small.

The scheme of those Addison county men who recently sent a shipment of Merinos to the South African market is approved by the American Wool Reporter, which says:

We are glad to learn of this venture, on the part of Vermont breeders, to attempt to cultivate a new market for their excellent animals in Cape Colony, and we hope much success will attend them. There certainly ought to be a very large request in that far-off land for heavy shearing Merinos. It is an excellent sheep country and to increase their weight of fleece is what South African shepherds are seeking to accomplish. Really, there is no pastoral region on the face of the globe where a Vermont sheep breeder hesitates to introduce his Merinos.

President Harrison and family arrived at Washington on Friday evening, after a journey of ten thousand miles. The excellent quality of the chief magistrate's oratory held out to the very end, as witness this extract from his speech at the tomb of Lincoln in Springfield, Ill., on Wednesday:

The life of Abraham Lincoln teaches more useful lessons than any other character in American history. Washington stands remote from us. We think of him as dignified and as reserved, but we think of Lincoln as one whose tender touch the children, the poor, all classes of our people, felt as their friend and lover; so the love of our people is drawn to him because he had such a great heart, such a human heart. The asperities and hardships of his early life did not dull but broadened and ennobled his sympathies. That sense of justice, that love of human liberty which dominated all his life, is another characteristic that our people will always love. You have here in keeping a most precious trust. Toward this spot the feet of the reverent patriots of the years to come will bend their way as the story of Lincoln's life is read. His virtues will mould and inspire many lives. I have studied it and been filled with wonder and admiration. His life was an American product; no other soil could have produced it. The greatness of it has not yet been fully discovered or measured. As the inner history of the times in which he lived is written, we find how his great mind turned and moved in time of peril and the delicate affairs of our country in their home and foreign relations with that marvelous tact, with that never-failing common sense, which characterized this man of the people.

## VIRTUOUS INDIGNATION GRIES OUT.

The Montpelier Watchman had the bad grace last week to accuse the university at Burlington of selfishness in not allowing the people of the State to say freely what should be done with the agricultural fund, and contrasted their actions in an unpleasant manner with those of the Dartmouth college authorities, who, the Watchman said, did not oppose the removal of the agricultural college from Hanover to Durham. The Free Press is much "riled" at the Watchman's insinuations, and replies in substance as follows:

The university of Vermont and State Agricultural college was chartered and exists solely for the public good. Its trustees give much time (which is money) and care to it, without a cent of compensation. Its president has in recent years had several offers of much more lucrative and less laborious positions, and has declined them, because of his unselfish devotion to the interests of education in Vermont and to its leading institution of learning. Teachers are everywhere the most unselfish class in the community, and the professors and instructors in our university and agricultural college are no exceptions to the rule. In this particular matter, the trustees and officers of the institution considered it their simple duty to administer the trust committed to them by the charter, and to retain the agricultural college as a part of that trust, which they have no right to relinquish. They believe that more can and will be accomplished, with the same money, for the agricultural interests of the State, under the existing arrangement, than under any plan proposed. They will do their best with the means at their disposal, for the greatest good of the greatest number.

As a specimen of virtuous indignation, of truth crushed to earth trying to get on its pins again, the above is magnificent. Whether the virtue or the indignation is the more pronounced it would be hard to say.

## FOREST PRESERVATION.

There is instruction for Vermonters in the movement now making in New York State for the preservation of what remains of the great Adirondack forest. The New York Sun in a forcible article points out the evils which must inevitably follow the further cutting of timber on the head-waters of the Hudson. It says in part:

Almost every country-bred New Yorker of middle age can remember when he used to catch trout or play about a saw-mill on some little stream in his native village that is now absolutely dry, the woods that were its reservoir having been cut down. What has happened to those little country brooks will happen to the imperial Hudson in time if the North woods are cut down. There is nothing sacred about the Hudson, and the people to whose prosperity it ministers cannot expect to be saved from the consequences of their own folly. The laws of nature will not be changed on their account. If they want to save the Hudson they must save the North woods. The apparent apathy in regard to forest preservation does not arise from the want of appreciation of the commercial value and importance of the Hudson. There is even a scheme on foot for the deepening and widening of the Hudson so that ocean-going vessels drawing twenty feet of water may be able to discharge at Albany and Troy; but before the members

of the maritime association ask the government to deepen and widen the Hudson, they should consider that the present channel will be altogether too deep and wide for the water that will be left to that stream if the forests about its sources are cut down. Water is a leading essential of rivers.

Substantially the same danger, in degree if not in kind, threatens this State through the reckless cutting of forests. It is true we have no waterway of great commercial importance to lose, but we have something. Just now there is a demand for water-powers, and it is not too much to hope that the welfare of the State may be appreciably enhanced by the utilization of the water-falls which are to be found within her borders. That these sources of power are less efficient than they were within the memory of living persons is a proposition easy to maintain, and why is this so if not because of the less acreage of woods?

This question is one that demands immediate attention. The very next session of legislature should see something done. Procrastination has long been held the thief of time, and it will prove the destruction of our woods if we are not careful.

## THE OTHER SIDE.

So much is said and written of the great, glorious, growing and gushing West that it is refreshing to hear something on the other side, even though it is slightly suggestive of the possibility that the writer thereof is afflicted with dyspepsia or has been bitten in western investments. At any rate, one Col. Rush C. Hawkins of New York, whom the Rutland Herald, which publishes his letter, vouches for as a Vermonteer, furnishes the spectacle of one whom the West does not please, not by a good deal, if he knows himself. He says he traveled about 3000 miles after leaving Chicago, taking three months' time for his journeyings. One of his afflictions on the trip was lack of decent food. He complains thus:

In bad hotels the "Great West" is certainly unapproachably great. The malicious spoiling of good food material makes the well-defined result of a recognized western school of cookery. For no matter where one may go, either to Denver or Manitou Springs, Pueblo, Durango, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, etc., there are always to be found the same ill-flavored, flabby, messy, greasy and often nasty-looking series of suspicious compositions which the unbounded cheek of the western hotel keeper would pass off for palatable food.

Nor is the scenery such as Col. Hawkins takes to kindly; indeed, he objects decidedly to the most of it, saying:

The much advertised scenery, if possible, a greater fraud than either the alleged magnificence of their railroad trains or their hotels. The leading features of the average landscape are sedge brush and dust. The latter invades the railway trains by bushels. The mountains, with few exceptions, are arid, tame and easily climbed. They have none of the repelling and malignant grandeur of the Alps, which fascinate the courageous to the verge of desperation. With the exception of the few pine mountains of Oregon and Washington, I did not see a peak or range (out of hundreds) that I would care to look upon again.

To sum it all up, there is not much good in the West anyhow, if the colonel is to be credited, unless it be in the opportunities it affords for the cultivation of the accomplishment of lying and the development of "cheek." Mr. Hawkins states the case in this wise:

It may be safely said of those who travel in the West for pleasure that they will reap the largest sort of a fool's harvest, ruined tempers and destroyed digestions. But possibly a western experience may be of some value. The average individual from the East can get points in the great national game of wind-making never dreamed of at home, and if he ever possessed any conceit about the value of his own "cheek" he will surely lose it by the time he reaches the summit of any rocky range. He will ascertain that in all the to-be-great cities of the West there are plenty of lots for sale; that quite all westerners are millionaires, and that borrowing \$1200 from eastern friends and giving as security mortgages on \$800 farms has for twenty-five years been one of the most flourishing and profitable industries of the "Great West."

These extracts are not printed for the reason that we accept them as statements of the exact truth, but as a partial offset to what has been told on the other side of the question.

## JERRY'S UNIVERSAL GENIUS.

[From the New York Sun.]

The Hon. Jeremiah Rusk has hung his grandfather's Revolution sword in the agricultural department, where it cannot fail to attract the admiring gaze of the country. Uncle Jerry was powerful enough with the hoe and the pruning hook, but now that his granter's blade has been added to the collection, who can resist him? He is the genius of war and the genius of peace, slaughter and seeds, soldier and hawthorn. If his boom is ever started, what can stop it?

## HOW TO AVOID HOUSE CLEANING.

[From the Brattleboro Reformer.]

The St. Johnsbury Republican says J. L. Barstow of Shelburne was the "best governor we have had in recent years," and the Burlington Clipper adds "the best in the last quarter of a century." This is not far from the truth. Gov. Barstow's intellectual vigor and moral courage accomplished service for the State whose benefit will not cease to be felt for generations. If the Republican

party could generally have leaders of his calibre and character there would not be such urgent need for a house cleaning in Vermont politics as exists to-day.

## DECORATION DAY IN MIDDLEBURY.

Russel post, G. A. R., has completed arrangements for the observance of Decoration day.

The memorial service next Sunday will be held at the town hall, beginning at 3 o'clock. The members of the post are asked to meet at their rooms promptly at 2 o'clock and proceed thence to the hall in a body. Prof. Yager will preach the sermon and there will be music by a chorus choir conducted by Mr. J. W. Lovett. The public generally are cordially invited to attend the service.

The regular Decoration-day exercises will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, May 30. The college quartette and the Middlebury band will provide the music. The literary part of the programme will be had first, and will be held in the town hall, beginning at 2 o'clock. The address will be by Hon. Frank Plimley of Northfield, there will be a poem by Conrad J. F. Powell of Gettysburg post, No. 161, of Boston, Mass., who has been secretary and treasurer of the Vermont Veterans' association of Boston, together with other features of interest. The members of Russel post are requested to meet at their room promptly at 1 o'clock.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bliss arrived home on Wednesday from a three-days' trip to Rochester and vicinity.

President Brainerd and Prof. Yager represented the college at the funeral of Rev. Dr. Wickham in Manchester on Saturday.

Mrs. C. B. Wright, who had been at the home of her parents in Akron, O., for two months, arrived in town on Saturday.

Miss May Tilden was in Burlington on Friday last and attended a reception given by the students of the university at the Billings library on Friday evening.

Dr. W. Seward Webb was in town for a short time on Monday. He was accompanied by a friend and was on a drive from Rutland to Shelburne Farms. He made the trip in six hours.

Prof. Samuel Sheldon of Brooklyn came up on Friday night last, returning to the city on the night train Saturday. He was here to see his mother, Mrs. M. B. Sheldon, who has been ill all the spring.

Mr. John Flint of Elmira, N. Y., was in town for a few hours on Tuesday and Wednesday to look after his house. He is traveling for Winch Bros., the largest boot and shoe concern in Boston, if not in the world.

Theron Kingsley, who was last week reported seriously ill with inflammation of the bowels, is improving and is considerably out of danger. His father, Mr. J. T. Kingsley, was called home by his illness.

Hon. John T. Rich of Elba, Mich., has been in the county this week. He was East on business and came up here to visit relatives in Shoreham. He has been a member of Congress and is one of the most prominent sheep-breeders in his State.

Mr. John M. Thomas, who graduated from the college last year and has since been studying theology in New York has been in town this week. He will supply the pulpit of the Congregational church at Ferrisburgh through the summer vacation.

Mr. C. W. Earl had a narrow escape from serious injury in his barn on Monday. A plank on which he was walking slipped from its support, letting him fall ten feet to the floor. One of his ankles was hurt in the fall.

Mr. Clinton Smith was at home for a short time early in the week, but was summoned away by telegraph. He has accepted the government position recently tendered him. It is that of supervisor of buildings erected by the war department. It seems that the erection of structures of one sort and another for the use of the army has hitherto been supervised by an army officer stationed at the place where the building was going up. Secretary Proctor saw the need of a general supervisor in his department and so suggested the creation of the office which Mr. Smith has been chosen to fill. The Montpelier Argus says: "The admirable qualifications of Clinton Smith of Middlebury as a contractor and builder became so well known to those connected with the office of supervising architect at Washington during the time that he was fulfilling his contract for the erection of the new federal building at Montpelier, that he has been offered a lucrative and responsible appointment."

## THE VERMONTERS IN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. H. E. Bissell of East Shoreham is in receipt of a letter from his father, Mr. E. N. Bissell, dated at Sydney April 13, in which he says that he and Mrs. Bissell reached that port April 1, after a pleasant voyage from San Francisco. He found the several Addison county men who had preceded him there in the enjoyment of good health. The sheep were doing well.

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